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In re:	Wolfe <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation No.:	5486
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2003, in which the Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single species selected from interferons, HGH, interleukins, GMCSF, MCSF, β -glucocerebrosidase, thyrotropins, etanercept, monoclonal antibodies, factor VIIa, factor VIII, urokinase, asparaginase, anistreplase, and alteplase, and indicates that the claims will be restricted to this species if no generic claims are found to be allowable. Applicant hereby elects interferons as the species to be prosecuted on the merits and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining species. Claims 1-29 and 32-40 are directed to the elected species, while claims 30 and 31 are generic.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned agent so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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